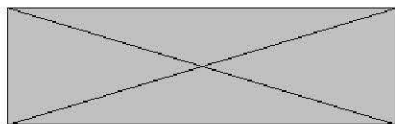


To: Dominique Vitti[dominique.vitti@lacity.org]
From: Eve Sinclair
Sent: Tue 5/28/2019 4:57:57 PM
Subject: Fwd: Homeless encampments in Sunland
[CD 7 Homelessness Flyer - March 2019.pdf](#)

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From: Eve Sinclair <eve.sinclair@lacity.org>
Date: Wed, Apr 10, 2019 at 4:47 PM
Subject: Re: Homeless encampments in Sunland
To: [REDACTED]

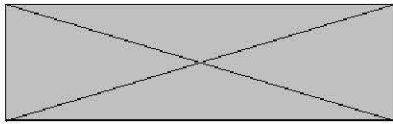
Hello, [REDACTED] How are you? I wanted to follow up on your email and let you know that we are making significant progress in housing our homeless here in Sunland-Tujunga. I am sharing with you the results of the annual LAHSA Homeless Count, which you can see at <https://www.lahsa.org/homeless-count/>. You can search results by City/Community, or by larger areas such as Council District, and get a count over the past few years. In 2016, we had approximately 175 unsheltered individuals that were living in Sunland-Tujunga. In 2017, that number decreased to 109 and in 2018 to 98. We have regular outreach teams that are working hard to place our homeless both in temporary shelter and in permanent housing solutions when they are available. Just last year, when LA Family Housing's Campus permanent supportive facility opened, 14 individuals from CD7 were housed, including 8 from Sunland-Tujunga (you can see a video about the Campus and some of the residents living there at <https://lafh.org/thecampus>). Our outreach teams continue to connect individuals with housing as matches come up in the Coordinated Entry System.

Outreach workers from LAFH and LAHSA develop relationships with the homeless, providing resources, helping them get identification, connecting them with funding and housing possibilities that may be appropriate for their situation. Outreach continues even if someone initially does not express interest in going into housing; indeed, it often takes time for the outreach worker to develop a relationship with the individual and build trust. Also, most of the homeless that our outreach teams are working with do want to be sheltered but, unfortunately, there are only about 7000 beds to serve over 50,000 homeless in LA County, so frequently beds are not available immediately, which means individuals continue to live on the street while their outreach worker works to find housing for them. If you are interested in the process and our Coordinated Entry System, feel free to give me a call and I can tell you a little more about it. The Councilwoman is continually working to bring more resources to develop solutions to this incredibly complex and challenging issue, such as creating a new Safe Parking program in the district, securing funding for a Family Navigation center, and supporting a new women's shelter at the Sylmar Armory. I am attaching a one-pager to this email with some of the work the Councilwoman is doing.

To report particular homeless encampments, please call directly to our office and we can activate both the LAPD HOPE team for enforcement and Sanitation to clean any mess left behind. To report crime, contact either 911 for emergencies or 877-ASK-LAPD for non-emergencies. To report drug use, please contact LAPD Narcotics: Detective Travis Coyle at [818-834-3136](tel:818-834-3136) or 33128@lapd.lacity.org. I am also going to share LAHSA's Homeless Outreach Portal with you here (<https://www.lahsa.org/portal/apps/la-hop/>) and recommend you also report any encampments/individuals/vehicle dwellings here as well, as this information goes directly to the outreach workers, which begins the journey to the permanent solution of achieving housing, rather than just moving encampments from spot to spot around the community. Outreach workers can connect vehicle dwellers to the Safe Parking program, for instance, or high-functioning individuals with Rapid Rehousing. Here is a quick 2-minute video on the Homeless Outreach Portal: <https://www.lahsa.org/videos?v=238-introducing-la-hop-a-new-online-portal-for-homeless-outreach-requests>.

I hope this information is helpful and am happy to talk more about homelessness in our district, if you would like to give me

a call at our Tujunga office. Thank you for reaching out to our office, and take care!



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On Wed, Apr 10, 2019 at 10:30 AM [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Eve,

I hope all is well with you. Just to let you know, I appreciate all efforts on your end and I'm sure it hasn't been easy. However, the homeless situation is getting worse than better. There are multiple encampments on Foothill and and makeshift living areas on Fenwick. I am concerned since multiple neighbors have seen drug use in the area by these individuals and there are a lot of children around. In addition, I've been approached randomly where people "popped up" in front of me to ask for things. Is there any way where additional policing can occur and people are arrested for drug use or drug dealing? Also, what further actions are taken if someone denies housing?

Thanks

Camille